

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A disposable wearing article comprising an absorbent body having opposite front and rear ends and opposite first and second sides extending between the ends, and a pair of right and left primary elastic members attached in their stretched state to a back portion of said absorbent body ~~to extend a given length approximately linearly in an approximately laterally central zone of said back portion,~~ wherein each of said primary elastic members has a an approximately linear portion in an approximately laterally central zone of said back portion inwardly of the opposite first and second sides keeping such a constant distance from the other primary elastic member as to allow a central zone of a skin-side surface of said absorbent body between said right and left primary elastic members to be formed as a raised portion by an action of a contractile force in said approximately linear portion, and ~~extends forwardly from the front end of said linear convergent portion in a forwardly divergent pattern and/or rearwardly from the rear end of said linear convergent portion in a rearwardly~~ each of said primary elastic members further has at least one divergent portion extending from the approximately linear portion towards at least one of the front and rear ends of the absorbent body and outwardly to define at least one divergent pattern.

Claims 2-7 (canceled).

8. (currently amended) A disposable wearing article comprising a cover sheet, having opposite front and rear ends and opposite first and second sides extending between the ends attached on a skin-side surface of said cover sheet, and a pair of right and left primary elastic members attached in their stretched state to said cover sheet ~~to extend a given length longitudinally and approximately linearly in an approximately laterally~~

~~central zone of said cover sheet, wherein each of said primary elastic members has a an~~
~~approximately linear convergent portion in an approximately laterally central zone of said~~
~~cover sheet inwardly of the opposite first and second sides keeping such a constant~~
~~distance from the other primary elastic member as to allow a central zone of a skin-side~~
~~surface of said cover sheet between said right and left primary elastic members to be~~
~~formed as a raised portion by an action of a contractile force in said approximately linear~~
~~portion, and extends forwardly from the front end of said linear convergent portion in a~~
~~forwardly divergent pattern and/or rearwardly from the rear end of said linear convergent~~
~~portion, in a rearwardly further has at least one divergent portion extending from the~~
~~approximately linear portion towards at least one of the front and rear ends of the cover~~
~~sheet and outwardly to define at least one divergent pattern.~~

Claims 9-11 (canceled).

12. (new) The disposable wearing article of claim 1, wherein the at least one divergent portion comprises a front divergent portion extending from a front end of the linear portion substantially to the front end of the absorbent body.

13. (new) The disposable wearing article of claim 1, wherein the at least one divergent portion comprises a rear divergent portion extending from a rear end of the linear portion substantially to the rear end of the absorbent body.

14. (new) The disposable wearing article of claim 1, wherein the at least one divergent portion comprises front and rear divergent portions extending from opposite front and rear ends of the linear portion towards the respective front and rear ends of the absorbent body.

15. (new) The disposable wearing article of claim 8, wherein the at least one divergent portion comprises a front divergent portion extending from a front end of the linear portion substantially to the front end of the cover sheet.

16. (new) The disposable wearing article of claim 8, wherein the at least one divergent portion comprises a rear divergent portion extending from a rear end of the linear portion substantially to the rear end of the cover sheet.

17. (new) The disposable wearing article of claim 8, wherein the at least one divergent portion comprises front and rear divergent portions extending from opposite front and rear ends of the linear portion towards the respective front and rear ends of the cover sheet.